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### Listing of Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the subject application:

1. (currently amended) A network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus connected to other network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatuses via a network, the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus comprising:

a memory;

an acquiring unit that transmits a command requesting setting information to another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and receives the setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in response to said command;

a setting unit that sets the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in accordance with the received setting information, and stores the received setting information in the memory; and

a transmitting unit that retrieves the setting information from the memory, in response to receipt of an acquisition request from a third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, requesting the setting information stored in the memory, and transmits the retrieved setting information to said third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in response to said acquisition request,

wherein said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus receives the setting information directly from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and the setting information received from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus corresponds to settings of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

2. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim

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1, wherein the command from the acquiring unit specifies a designated item of the setting information, and the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus receives the designated item from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

Claims 3 and 4 (canceled).

5. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a transforming unit that transforms the received setting information into format-adjusted setting information, if format of the received setting information does not match format of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus;

wherein the setting unit sets the format-adjusted setting information to the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus and stores the format-adjusted setting information in the memory.

6. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 5, wherein the transforming unit transforms the received setting information based on stylesheet that defines an attribute of each element of the setting information.

7. (currently amended) A network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, comprising:

acquiring means for transmitting a command requesting setting information to another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus connected via a network, and receiving the setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in response to said command;

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setting means for setting the received setting information to the network ~~terminal~~  
facsimile apparatus;

storing means for storing setting information that store the received setting information;

receiving means for receiving an acquisition request requesting the setting information  
stored in the storing means, from a third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus connected via the  
network; and

transmitting means for transmitting the setting information to said third network ~~terminal~~  
facsimile apparatus in response to said acquisition request,

wherein said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus receives the setting information  
directly from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and the setting information  
received from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus corresponds to settings of said  
another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

8. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim  
7, wherein said command from the acquiring means indicates specific items designated by a user.

Claims 9 and 10 (canceled).

11. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim  
7, further comprising:

transforming means for transforming the received setting information into format-  
adjusted setting information, if format of the received setting information does not match format  
of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus;

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wherein the setting means sets the format-adjusted setting information to the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus; and  
the storing means stores the format-adjusted setting information therein.

12. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus as claimed in claim 11, wherein the transforming means transforms the received setting information based on stylesheet that defines an attribute of each element of the setting information.

13. (currently amended) A method of sharing setting information between a network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus and other network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatuses connected via a network, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a command requesting setting information from said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus to another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus;

receiving by said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus the setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus;

setting the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus based on the received setting information;

storing the received setting information in the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus;

receiving by said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus a request for acquiring setting information from a third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus; and

transmitting the setting information from said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus to the third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus,

wherein said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus receives the setting information

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directly from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and the setting information received from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus corresponds to settings of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

14. (currently amended) A network facsimile ~~apparatus~~ system, comprising:

a first network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus; and

a second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus connected to the first network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus via a network, the second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus storing setting information;

wherein the first network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus transmits a command requesting the stored setting information, to the second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and the second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus retrieves and transmits the setting information stored therein to the first network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in response to the command from the first network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and

wherein said first network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus receives the setting information directly from said second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and the setting information received from said second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus corresponds to settings of said second network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

Claim 15 (canceled).

16. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus of claim 1, wherein said third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus is set based on the setting information received

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by said third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus from said network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

17. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus of claim 1, wherein the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus receives the setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in response to the setting information requesting command transmitted by the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus to said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus transmits the setting information to said third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus in response to the acquisition request from said third network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

18. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus of claim 1, wherein the setting information received by the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus includes information indicating a device model version of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and wherein if the device model version of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus does not match a device model version of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, a transforming unit of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus transforms the received setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus into setting information suitable for the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus and the setting unit sets the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus based on the transformed setting information.

19. (currently amended) The network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus of claim 18,

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wherein said transforming unit transforms the received setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus based on a stylesheet corresponding to the device model version of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.

20. (currently amended) The method of claim 13, wherein the setting information received by the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus includes information indicating a device model version of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, and said method further comprises:

comparing the device model version of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus to a device model version of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus; and

if the device model version of said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus does not match a device model version of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus, transforming the received setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus into setting information suitable for the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus and setting the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus based on the transformed setting information.

21. (currently amended) The method of claim 20, wherein the received setting information from said another network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus is transformed based on a stylesheet corresponding to the device model version of the network ~~terminal~~ facsimile apparatus.